


# Annual Report

FOR THE TOWN OF

Easton, New Hampshire



Year ending December 31, 1956



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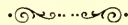
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Town of Easton, New Hampshire

# Annual Report

Of the Town Officers

Year Ended December 31, 1956



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## TOWN OFFICERS

### Moderator

Helen J. Young

### Appointed Clerk

Phyllis H. Bowles

### Treasurer

Sadie N. Glover

### Selectmen

Walter M. Wolff

Everett M. Furman

Durand B. Cooley

### Supervisors

Ion S. Whitcomb

Helene Schultze

Jack Kenney

### Board of Education

Eva F. Cooley

Phyllis H. Bowles

Helen J. Young

### Library Trustees

Margaret T. Whitcomb

Beulah A. Bowles

Jane K. Cutter

### Tax Collector

Ion S. Whitcomb

### Trustees of the Trust Funds

Ion S. Whitcomb

Eva F. Cooley

Phyllis H. Bowles

### Police Officer

Ion S. Whitcomb

### Dog Constable

Jack Kenney

### Auditor

Ethel M. Furman

### Sexton

Merton Edney

## TOWN MEETING WARRANT

**Article 1.** To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

**Article 2.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to appoint or designate a qualified person who is a resident of this town, to act as Highway Agent during the current year.

**Article 3.** To see if the town will vote to accept Town Road Aid: Town's share \$28.50; State's share \$190.02, and raise money for same.

**Article 4.** To see if the town will vote to accept State Aid Construction: Town's share \$500.00; State's share-\$1,000.00, and raise money for same.

**Article 5.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30.13 to the White Mountains Region Association, being 10c per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (1/100th of 1%) for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the Town, in cooperation with the other 45 towns of the region.

**Article 6.** To see if the town will vote to place the selectmen and other town officers on an annual salary, rather than under the present per diem and fee basis, during the current year in accordance with the following schedule, and to raise and appropriate money for same:

Chairman, Board of Selectmen	\$250.00
Selectman	125.00
Selectman	125.00
Tax Collector	100.00
Town Clerk	75.00
Treasurer	35.00
Auditor	10.00

If approved, it is understood that the selectmen and other salaried town officers, henceforth, will receive no fees or any other compensation or remuneration for their services except the usual and necessary expenses incurred by them in connection with their official duties.

**Article 7.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to support the Town Library.

**Article 8.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$75.00 for the cemetery.

**Article 9.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to hire money for defraying town charges in anticipation of taxes, if necessary.

**Article 10.** To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to allow discount for early payment of taxes. What percent, and at what time?

**Article 11.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to obtain permission from and to negotiate with if possible, the selectmen of Franconia for the use by the residents of Easton, of the Franconia town dump and if so, to instruct the selectmen to appropriate, if necessary, a reasonable sum as rental from the town's funds for this purpose.

**Article 12.** To see if the town will vote to purchase a fireproof Mosler safe for the preservation of essential town documents and records, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225.00 for this purpose.

**Article 13.** To raise and appropriate such sums of money as are stated in the proposed budget for repair to town highways and bridges, general expense of highways, snow removal, maintenance of town building, officer's salaries and expenses, and other town charges.

**Article 14.** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

The above warrant is correct to the following date:  
February 10, 1957.

WALTER M. WOLFF,  
DURAND B. COOLEY,  
EVERETT M. FURMAN,  
Selectmen.

# BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON

Estimates of Revenue for the ensuing year, January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957, compared with the estimated and actual revenue of the previous year, January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 1956	Actual 1956	Estimated 1957
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 550.00	\$ 556.20	\$ 550.00
Savings Bank Tax			1.98
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest Lands	150.00	105.14	100.00
For Fighting Forest Fires			8.70
National Forest Reserve	450.00	439.32	425.00
Bounties		5.00	
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>			
Dog Licenses	30.00	31.80	30.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits		1.17	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	550.00	867.47	650.00
Delinquent Taxes	85.00	84.59	196.92
Reimbursement for Oil used in Tarring Driveway		76.15	
†Cash Surplus	860.00		913.44
<b>From Local Taxes Other than Property Taxes:</b>			
Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2	90.00	96.00	96.00
Yield Taxes	125.00	185.41	250.00
Head Taxes (Town Share)	25.00	36.50	30.00
<b>Total Revenues from all Sources Except Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$2,915.00</b>	<b>\$2,484.75</b>	<b>\$3,252.04</b>
<b>Amount to be raised by Property Taxes</b>			<b>3,301.09</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>			<b>\$6,553.13</b>

†Cash on hand over current Liabilities



## BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON

Estimates of Expenditures for the ensuing year, January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957, compared with the actual Expenditures and Appropriations of the previous year, January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Approp. 1956	Actual 1956	Estimated 1957
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 575.00	\$ 591.70	\$ 725.00
Town Officers' Expenses	300.00	257.97	300.00
Election and Registration Exp.	100.00	107.00	12.00
Expenses Town Hall and other Town Buildings	750.00	824.74	250.00
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>			
Fire Dept. and Civil Defense	100.00	17.41	100.00
Blister Rust and care of Trees			100.00
Insurance	75.00	70.56	125.00
<b>Health:</b>			
Health Dept., including Hospitals	5.00	5.00	5.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	1.50	
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>			
Town Maintenance — Summer	450.00	205.45	
Town Maintenance—Winter	450.00	694.03	950.00
General Expenses Highway Dept.	150.00	8.18	
Town Road Aid	28.58	28.58	28.50
<b>Libraries:</b>	150.00	150.00	150.00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Town Poor	50.00		50.00
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>			
N. H. Marine Memorial	25.00	25.00	
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>			
Cemeteries	75.00	70.70	75.00
<b>Unclassified:</b>			
Oil for Tarring Driveway		76.15	
Damages and Legal Expenses, Including Dog Damage		5.00	
Advertising and Regional Assn.	29.29	28.98	30.13
50% School Share, N.F.R.F.	225.00	219.66	212.50
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>			
State Aid Construction, Town's Share	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
Fireproof Safe			225.00
For Town Map	200.00		
<b>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:</b>			
County Taxes	600.00	614.59	615.00
School Taxes	1,702.00	1,877.20	2,100.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 7,044.87</b>	<b>\$ 6,879.40</b>	<b>\$ 6,553.13</b>

## INVENTORY OF 1956

Land and Buildings	\$236,475.00
Growing Wood and Timber	14,380.00
Electric Power Lines	84,940.00
31 Cows	2,810.00
5 Horses	365.00
8 Sheep	75.00
1 Ox	60.00
5 Gasoline Pumps	560.00
Wood and Lumber	260.00
Mills and Machinery	3,950.00
Total Gross Valuation	\$329,495.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	4,100.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate Computed	\$325,210.00
Property Tax	4,748.07
Poll Tax	96.00
Yield Tax	348.05
Total Taxes for Collector	\$ 5,192.12
Tax Rate \$100.00 Valuation	1.46

## LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town hall and land	\$ 8,150.00
Furniture and equipment	120.00
Library and equipment	1,500.00
Fire department and equipment	70.00
Highway department and equipment	100.00
Johnsky place	100.00
Total	\$ 10,040.00

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

## AND EXPENDITURES

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1956

	Approp- riations	Expend- itures	Over- draft	Unexpnd Balance
Town Officers' salaries	\$ 575.00	\$ 591.70	\$ 16.70	\$
Town Officers' expenses	300.00	257.97		42.03
Election and Reg. expense	100.00	107.00	7.00	
Town Hall expenses	750.00	824.74	74.74	
Fire Dept. & Civil Defense	100.00	17.41		82.59
Vital Statistics	5.00	1.50		3.50
Town Maintenance—Summer	450.00	205.45		244.55
Town Maintenance—Winter	450.00	694.03	244.03	
Gen. expense of highways	150.00	8.18		141.82
State Aid Construction	1,000.00	1,000.00		
T. R. A.—Town's share	28.58	28.58		
Cemetery	75.00	70.70		4.30
County Tax	600.00	614.59	14.59	
School	1,702.00	1,877.20	175.20	
Library	150.00	150.00		
Cooperative Advertising	29.29	28.98		.31
Town Poor	50.00			50.00
Health	5.00	5.00		
Insurance, Town Hall	75.00	70.56		4.44
50% School share N. F. R. F.	225.00	219.66		5.34

**LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1956  
COMPARED WITH THOSE OF 1957**

	1956	1957
Town Officers' salaries	\$ 575.00	\$ 725.00
Town Officers' expenses	300.00	300.00
Election and registration expenses	100.00	12.00
Town Hall expenses	825.00	375.00
Fire Dept. and Civil Defense	100.00	100.00
Blister Rust Control		100.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	
Town Maintenance: Summer	450.00	} 950.00
Town Maintenance: Winter	450.00	
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	150.00	
State Aid Construction	1,000.00	500.00
T. R. A. Town's share	28.58	28.50
Cemetery	75.00	75.00
County Tax	600.00	615.00
School	1,702.00	2,100.00
Library	150.00	150.00
Cooperative Advertising	29.29	30.13
Town Poor	50.00	50.00
Health	5.00	5.00
50% School's Share of N.F.R.F.	225.00	212.50
New Town Map	200.00	
Marine Memorial Contribution	25.00	
Fireproof Safe		225.00
Total for 1957		<hr/> \$ 6,553.13

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

### Assets

Balance on hand December 31, 1956	\$2,113.44
Accounts due the Town:	
Uncollected taxes	192.92
Capital Reserve Fund	780.29
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Total Assets	\$3,086.65

### Liabilities

Unexpended Appropriation for Town Map	\$ 200.00
Capital Reserve Fund	
(To offset asset, above)	780.29
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Total Liabilities	\$ 980.29
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	\$2,106.36

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

5	1955 Auto Permits	\$ 36.48
63	1956 Auto Permits	802.52
2	1957 Auto Permits	28.47
16	1956 Dog Taxes	\$35.00
	Less Clerk's Fees	3.20
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		31.80
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	Total amount to Town Treasurer	\$ 899.27

PHYLLIS H. BOWLES,

Appointed Town Clerk.

# **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

## **Summary of Warrant Property, Poll and Yield Taxes Levy of 1956**

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$4,748.07	
Poll Taxes	96.00	
Total Warrant	<hr/>	\$4,844.07
Yield Taxes		348.05
Added Taxes		
Poll Taxes		<hr/> 6.00
Total Debits		\$5,198.12

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$4,652.16	
Poll Taxes	96.00	
Yield Taxes	185.41	
Discounts Allowed	69.63	
Abatements	2.00	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List		
Property	26.28	
Poll Taxes	4.00	
Yield Taxes	<hr/> 162.64	
Total Credits		\$5,198.12

**Summary of Warrant  
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes  
Levy of 1955**

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1956:			
Property Taxes	\$	52.00	
Yield Taxes		32.59	
		<hr/>	\$ 84.59
Interest Collected during Fiscal Year			
Ended December 31, 1956			1.17
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Total Debits	\$		85.76

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal			
Year Ended December 31, 1956:			
Property Taxes	\$	52.00	
Yield Taxes		32.59	
Interest Collected during Year		1.17	
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Total Credits	\$		85.76

**Summary of Warrant  
State Head Tax  
Levy of 1955**

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of January			
1, 1956	\$	5.00	
Penalties Collected		.50	
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Total Debits	\$		5.50

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During 1956			
Head Taxes	\$	5.00	
Penalties		.50	
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Total Credits	\$		5.50

**Summary of Warrant  
State Head Tax  
Levy of 1956**

DR.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	\$285.00
Added Taxes	15.00

Total Commitment	\$300.00
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Total Debit	\$300.00
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CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$280.00
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Abatements	5.00
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Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List	15.00
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Total Credits	\$300.00
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**Uncollected Taxes – Levy of 1956**

Head Taxes:

Harwood, Elbert G.	\$ 5.00
Judd, Albert	5.00
Judd, Elizabeth	5.00
	\$ 15.00

Poll Taxes:

Judd, Albert G.	\$ 2.00
Judd, Elizabeth	2.00
	\$ 4.00

Property Taxes:

Bowles, Melvin and Ida	\$ 8.76
Hannah, Selden	17.52
	\$ 26.28

Yield Taxes:

Paquette, Maurice G.	\$ 99.22
Schoff Lumber Co.	63.42
	\$162.64

Total Uncollected Taxes as of December 31, 1956.	\$207.92
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"I hereby certify that the above list, showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1956 on account of the Tax Levy of 1956, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

ION S. WHITCOMB,  
Tax Collector



## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand January 1, 1956	\$1,855.93
Ion S. Whitcomb, Collector of Taxes:	
Property Tax	4,704.68
Poll Tax	96.00
Yield Tax	218.65
Head Tax	285.50
Beulah A. Bowles, Town Clerk	
Automobile Permits	839.00
Dog Tax	31.80
Phyllis H. Bowles, Town Clerk	
Automobile Tax	28.47
L. Gerard Paine, Reimbursement,	
Tarring Drive	76.15
State of New Hampshire:	
Bounty on Bear	5.00
Interest and Dividend Tax	556.20
Reimbursement on loss of taxes	105.14
National Forest Reserve Fund	439.32
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Total	\$9,241.84
Paid on account of 64 Selectmen's Orders	7,128.40
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Cash Balance on hand, January 1, 1957	\$2,113.44

SADIE N. GLOVER,  
Treasurer.

## STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

1956

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 591.70
Town Officers' Expenses	257.97
Election and Registration	107.00
Town Hall Expense and Insurance	895.30
Fire Department	17.41
Health Department	5.00
Vital Statistics	1.50
Town Maintenance: Winter	694.03
Town Maintenance: Summer	205.45
General Expense of Highway Dept.	8.18
State Aid Construction	1,000.00
Town Road Aid	28.58
Library	150.00
Cooperative Advertising	28.98
Cemetery	70.70
Head Tax	249.00
County Tax	614.59
School District	2,096.86
Unclassified	81.15
N. H. Marine Memorial Fund	25.00
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Total Payments	\$7,128.40

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

### Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries:

Ethel M. Furman, Auditor	\$ 10.00
Beulah A. Bowles, Town Clerk	43.50
Sadie N. Glover, Town Treasurer	35.00
Everett M. Furman, Selectman	40.00
Walter M. Wolff, Selectman	80.00
Durand B. Cooley, Selectman, Chairman	300.00
Helen J. Young, Moderator	4.00
Ion S. Whitcomb, Tax Collector	79.20
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Total	\$591.70

### Detail 2. Town Officers' Expenses:

Branham Publishing Co., Automobile Book	\$ 4.00
Wheeler & Clark, 25 Dog tags	3.33
Town and Country Press, Town reports	149.94
Wheeler & Clark, Selectmen's Stamp	1.95
The Courier Printing Co., Selectmen's notices	3.40
F. J. Shores, Land transfers	1.06
Ida M. Horner, N. H. Tax Collector's Assn. dues	3.00
The Hunkins & Eaton Agency,	
Bonds for Town Officers	40.00
Charles R. Hardy, Dues for Town Clerk Assn.	2.00
Beulah A. Bowles, Town Clerk	1.25
Sadie M. Glover, Treasurer	1.57
Everett M. Furman, Selectman	4.45
Walter M. Wolff, Selectman	13.95
Durand B. Cooley, Selectman	11.87
Ion S. Whitcomb, Tax Collector	12.97
Littleton National Bank, Bank Charges	3.23
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Total	\$257.97

**Detail 3. Election and Registration:**

Howard Boner, Ballot Clerk	\$	4.00
Ivah Edney, Ballot Clerk		12.00
Doris Lang, Ballot Inspector		12.00
Eva Cooley, Ballot Inspector		12.00
Phyllis Bowles, Ballot Clerk		8.00
Beulah Bowles, Town Clerk		15.00
Helen Young, Moderator		8.00
Ion S. Whitcomb, Supervisor		12.00
Helene Schultze, Supervisor		12.00
Jack Kenney, Supervisor		12.00
Total	\$	107.00

**Detail 4. Town Hall Expense:**

Public Service Co., Lights	\$	33.66
Merton Edney, Janitor		70.98
George Smith, Sharpened Lawn mower		2.00
Farm Bureau Ins. Co., Ins. on Town Hall		70.56
Fritz O. Snell, Painting		645.00
Franconia Hardware		73.10
Total	\$	895.30

**Detail 5. Fire Department:**

D. B. Cooley, Fire Warden	\$	17.41
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**Detail 6. Health Department:**

D. B. Cooley, Health Officer	\$	5.00
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**Detail 7. Vital Statistics:**

Beulah Bowles, Town Clerk	\$	1.50
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**Detail 8. Town Maintenance, Winter:**

Treasurer, State of N. H., Plowing snow	\$	694.03
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**Detail 9. Town Maintenance, Summer:**

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$	205.45
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**Detail 10. State Aid Construction:**

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$	1,000.00
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**Detail 11. Town Road Aid:**

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$	28.58
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**Detail 12. General Expense of Highway Dept.**

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$	8.18
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**Detail 13. Library:**

Jane Cutter, Treasurer	\$	150.00
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**Detail 14. Recreation:**

White Mountain Region Association	\$	28.98
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**Detail 15. Cemetery:**

Merton Edney, Sexton	\$	70.70
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**Detail 16. Unclassified:**

Dodge & Moulton, Attorneys	\$	5.00
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Oil for Paine (State of N. H.)		76.15
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Total	\$	81.15
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**Detail 17. Donation:**

N. H. Marine Memorial	\$	25.00
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**Detail 18. Head Tax:**

State Treasurer	\$	249.00
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**Detail 19. County Tax:**

Lawrence M. Colby, County Treasurer	\$	614.59
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**Detail 20. School District:**

Jane Cutter, Treasurer	\$	2,096.86
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**PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL TREASURER**

½ N.F.R.F. for year ending June 30, 1957	\$	219.66
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All approp. for year ending June 30, 1957		1,877.20
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Total	\$	2,096.86
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# Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Easton on December 31, 1956

Date of Creation	NAME OF FUND	HOW INVESTED	Amt. of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance Income Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance Income End of Year
1916	R. W. Young Trust Fund	Lisbon Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co.	\$100.00	2½%	\$ 17.38	\$ 2.93	\$ .50	\$ 19.81
1922	Peter Kinsman and Bernsley Edwards Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	100.00	3%	36.48	4.28		40.76
1937	Orin G. Bowles Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	200.00	3%	58.60	8.14		66.74
1947	Charles A. Young Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	200.00	3%	30.25	7.24		37.49
1947	Arthur Pease Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	114.00	3%	16.30	4.10		20.40
1954	Florence Pease Trust Fund All the above Trusts are for Cemetery Care	Littleton Savings Bank	200.00	3%	7.61	6.52		14.13
1945	Town of Easton	Littleton Savings Bank	300.00	3%	156.49	23.80		180.29
1946	Sinking Fund (Capital Reserve)	Littleton Savings Bank	300.00					
	TOTALS		\$1,514.00		\$323.11	\$57.01	\$ .50	\$379.62

## EASTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Librarian's Report

At this time I would like to thank all those who have given books or magazines to the Library. We have added 112 books to the library and have bought 29 books with the Town's appropriation. The Bookmobile has made five trips during the year. We borrowed 293 books and loaned 404.

Number of Visitors	227
Books Loaned:	
Adult fiction	499
Non-fiction	98
Juvenile fiction	118
Non-fiction	29
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Total of Books loaned	744
Magazines loaned	65
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Total Circulation	809
Number of Readers	25

We removed 118 paper bound books from the library. There were 18 damaged books sold and 100 books given to the Greenleaf Civics Club for hospitals. The visitors and myself have enjoyed the library more since it received its new coat of paint, as that has given it a new look.

The Library is open to the public every Saturday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 p. m. Anyone wishing to obtain books at any other time may do so by contacting the librarian.

IVAH EDNEY,  
Librarian.

### LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on hand, January 1, 1956	\$	64.01	
Approp. from Selectmen		150.00	
Sale of Damaged Books		.30	
Total Receipts			\$ 214.31
Salary of Librarian	\$	100.00	
Insurance		12.74	
Books Purchased (29)		35.66	
Cards, Postage and Ink		1.30	
Total Expenditures	\$	149.70	
Balance on hand, January 1, 1957	\$	64.61	

### AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

This is to certify that the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Clerk and, Trustees of the Trust Funds, charged with the custody, receipt and disbursements of public funds, were examined and audited, and in my opinion were found correct.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL M. FURMAN,

Auditor.

### Remember!!

1. Get a written permit from your local warden before starting your debris burning or camp fire. The law requires it.
2. Make certain they are dead out before leaving them.
3. Become a safe smoker by extinguishing smoking material and matches before discarding them.

DURAND COOLEY,

Forest Fire Warden.



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**of the**  
**EASTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**For Year Ending January 1, 1957**

**DISTRICT OFFICERS**

**School Board**

Mrs. Eva Cooley, Chairman	Term Expires 1959
Mrs. Phyllis Bowles	Term Expires 1957
Mrs. Helen Young	Term Expires 1958

**OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS**

Mrs. Beulah Bowles	Moderator
Miss Jane Cutter	Treasurer
Mrs. Margaret Whitecomb	Auditor
Mrs. Ivah Edney	Clerk
Mrs. Margaret Whitecomb	Truant Officer
Mr. Ronald A. Perham	Superintendent of Schools

## SCHOOL WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Easton, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the seventh day of March, 1957, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects.

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

EVA COOLEY,  
HELEN YOUNG,  
PHYLLIS BOWLES,  
School Board

## BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EASTON 1957-1958

	Paid Out 1955-56	Budget 1956-57	Paid Out to Jan. 1, '57	Proposed Budget 1957-58
<b>Administration:</b>				
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$ 59.00	\$ 62.00	\$	\$ 59.00
2. Supt. Salary (Local Share)	*65.80	65.00	130.14	65.00
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision	28.00	30.00	14.00	20.00
4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel	38.31	40.00		40.00
5. Supplies & Expenses	42.95	35.00		45.00
<b>Instruction</b>				
10. Supplies and Other expenses		10.00		10.00
<b>Auxiliary Activities</b>				
16. Transportation	1,633.40	1,600.00	426.80	1,600.00
17. Tuition	2,177.76	2,500.00	684.00	2,000.00
<b>Fixed Charges</b>				
19. Retirement	6.42	5.00		5.00
20. Insurance, Treas. Bond & Exp.	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
<b>Capital Outlay</b>				
24. Contingency Fund		100.00		100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,056.64</b>	<b>\$4,452.00</b>	<b>\$1,259.94</b>	<b>\$3,949.00</b>

\*Superintendent's salary is \$6,850.00. The State pays \$2,750.00. The Union pays \$4,100.00, divided as follows: Benton \$65.60, Easton \$65.80, Franconia \$672.40, Landaff \$123.62, Lincoln \$1,336.80, Lisbon Special \$1,224.67, Lisbon Town \$281.67, Lyman \$134.28, and Sugar Hill \$195.16. Division as determined by law. Report by Act of Legislature in form suggested by State Department of Education.

## SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1957-1958

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1957.

Total amount required to meet school board's budget as itemized in Column 4 of the Budget Report.

\$3,949.00

### Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1957	\$500.00
Forest Reserve	250.00

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,949.00 for the school year 1957-1958.

EVA COOLEY,  
PHYLLIS BOWLES,  
HELEN YOUNG,  
School Board.

### Recommended Motion:

Moved that the School District raise and appropriate \$3,949.00 and to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the School Board, exclusive of State Aid, and upon the determination of the amount of State Aid to be received by the School District during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from State Aid and with the School District Clerk certify to the Selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes.

# STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

**July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956**

## RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, July 1, 1955	\$3,967.81	
Federal Aid, Forest Reserve	246.76	
Local Taxation		
Current appropriation	1,054.69	
	-----	\$5,269.26

## PAYMENTS

Orders of the School Board	\$4,056.64	
Cash on Hand at end of Year (June 30, 1956)	1,212.62	
	-----	\$5,269.26

**July 1, 1956 to January 1, 1957**

## RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, July 1, 1956	\$1,212.62	
Federal Aid, Forest Reserve	219.66	
Appropriation from Selectmen	1,877.20	
	-----	\$3,309.48

## PAYMENTS

Orders of the School Board	\$ 1,259.94	
Cash on Hand at January 1, 1957	2,049.54	
	-----	\$3,309.48

**BALANCE SHEET****June 30, 1956****ASSETS**

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1956	\$1,212.62	
Amounts Due to District from Town	1,112.18	
	<hr/>	\$2,324.80

**LIABILITIES**

Excess of Assets over Liabilities	\$2,324.80
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**ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER****Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1956**

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1955	\$3,967.81
Received from Selectmen	
Current Appropriation	\$1,054.69
Received from State Treasurer	
Forest Reserve	246.76
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	\$1,301.45
Total	<hr/>
	\$5,269.26
Less School Board Orders Paid	4,056.64
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Balance on Hand, June 30, 1956	\$1,212.62

JANE K. CUTTER,  
Treasurer.

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Easton, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956 and find them correct in all respects.

MARGARET T. WHITCOMB,  
Auditor.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Easton:

I herewith submit my fourteenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

There were 14 pupils attending school last year. Two kindergarten and five elementary pupils were enrolled in the Franconia Elementary School and three pupils enrolled in the High School, better known as Dow Academy. Four elementary pupils were enrolled in the Benton School for part of the school year.

There are 8 pupils attending school this year—six in the elementary grades and two in the high school at Dow Academy. The pupils are as follows: John Kenney, and Melinda Porter, Grade 1; Joanne Kenney, Grade 2; Dale Bowles, Grade 4; Ingrid Schultze, Grade 7; Bernice Cooley, Grade 8; Lois Bowles, Grade 9; and Alice Cooley, Grade 11.

School population has decreased. The average school population for the town of Easton varies from 12 to 29 as recorded over the past 25 years. This year there are eight. Several families moving in and out of our town can have a marked effect on the school enrollment.

Although the duties of your Board are light they are assumed with the same degree of responsibility as in a larger district. Your Board is to be commended on its interest in the educational welfare of Easton children.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A PERHAM,

Superintendent of Schools

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I herewith submit my second annual report as Principal of Dow Academy. Insofar as much of last year's report remains unchanged, I shall concentrate in this report on those phases of school life and activities where changes of note have taken place.

### Administration

The present school year began on Monday, September 10, rather than the traditional Wednesday after Labor Day. This year has seen the addition to the staff of two new elementary teachers and three new high school teachers. Mrs. Evelyn Howe of Bethlehem is teaching Grades 3 and 4 and Mrs. Jane Evans of Lisbon is teaching Grades 5 and 6. In the high school, Miss Laura Beth Barry of Franconia is teaching Commerce. Mr. Alvin Chase of Keene is teaching Chemistry and Shop, and Mr. Malcolm Sibulkin of Haverhill, Massachusetts, is teaching Social Studies. Teachers returning from last year include Mrs. Alice Leavitt, Grades 1 and 2, Miss Janet Stewart, English and Foreign Language, Mr. George McLure, Band, and Mrs. Marion Callender, Music. The community is fortunate to have in these times of teacher shortage such experienced and capable people on its staff.

The enrollment of Dow Academy is 130 students. A breakdown of this figure shows that 12 are in Grade 1, 14 in Grade 2, 8 in Grade 3, 14 in Grade 4, 11 in Grade 5, 7 in Grade 6, 11 in Grade 7, 10 in Grade 8, 13 in Grade 9, 9 in Grade 10, 12 in Grade 11, and 9 in Grade 12. 102 students live in the Town of Franconia, 6 are from Easton, and 22 are from the Sugar Hill-Streeter District.



Merton Shores continues to do a fine job in carrying out his duties as school custodian. His presence and work in the building are invaluable. We should consider ourselves fortunate to have him.

### **Curriculum**

Three new courses have been added to the High School curriculum. They are: Problems of Democracy, Senior Science, and Latin.

Physical Education has been added to the curriculum of the first eight grades.

### **School Lunch**

The school lunch program, under the direction and guidance of Mrs. William Boutin and Mrs. Robert Stevens, is progressing nicely. Additional state aid is continually being received. However, more local support is necessary to provide your children with the type of program they should have.

### **School Health**

Dr. Ralph Parker and Nurse Phyllis Rogers have given complete physical examinations to all students whose parents so desired. Mrs. Rogers has conducted eye and ear examinations. Polio vaccinations were made available to all students in a clinic conducted under the supervision of State District Nurse, Mrs. Loretta Russell and Dr. Parker.

### **School Banking**

A school savings plan is now in effect for its second year. This is done in conjunction with the Littleton Savings Bank. The purpose of this program is to instill into our students the habit of regular saving. At present, the first seven grades are participating by adding to their individual accounts weekly.

### **School Activities**

Dow Academy's activity program includes a variety of activities that try to meet the needs and desires of all its pupils. In athletics, golf, basketball, skiing, and baseball or softball are the major activities.

Dow's golf program was climaxed by a golf tournament, which was won by Robin Ball and Thomas Hunt.

Basketball was made available through the coaching services of Mrs. Agnes Andross of Lisbon and Mr. Curtis Brockelman of Franconia. Many thanks should go to those two people for the work they have put into our basketball programs.

Skiing continues to grow as the major school activity. Approximately seventy-five per cent of our students participate in this program, which includes ski instruction, standardized ski testing, and competitive skiing.

Other activities consisted of: Student Government, Glee Club, Dramatics, Yearbook, Junior and Senior Prize Speaking made possible by the Trustees of Dow Academy, Cheer-leading, Dances, Food Sales, and Mountain Climbing, a new activity instituted and directed by Mr. Sibulkin.

This year has seen an increase in the participation in the activities, which has resulted in an improved program. Through their interest and by working together, the students and their advisors have made this program enjoyable and worthwhile.

### **Conclusion**

Once again I wish to express my thanks to the people of Franconia, the Board of Education, Superintendent Ronald Perham, the faculty and students for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,  
OLIVER COLE, Principal

# EASTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Expenditures — 1955-1956

### ADMINISTRATION

#### 1. Salaries of District Officers

Eva Cooley, Chairman School Board	\$	25.00	
Phyllis Bowles, School Board		12.00	
Helen Young, School Board		12.00	
Ivah Edney, Clerk		5.00	
Beulah Bowles, Moderator		5.00	
	-----	\$	59.00

#### 2. Superintendent's Salary

Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 34	65.80
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#### 3. Tax for Statewide Supervision

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	28.00
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#### 4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel

Margaret Whitcomb, Census	3.00	
Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 34		
Clerical	35.31	
	-----	38.31

#### 5. Supplies and Expenses

Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 34	34.35	
Helen Young, Telephone	4.90	
N. H. School Board Assn. dues	2.00	
Lillian Finley, Treasurer, Lisbon Special.		
Superintendent's Guide	1.70	
	-----	42.95

## AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

**16. Transportation**

Joseph Boutin	\$	500.00	
Thomas Barber		66.40	
Ross Taylor		1,067.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,633.40

**17. Tuition**

Alice Jesseman, Treasurer			
Franconia School District		1,766.32	
Lena Collins, Treasurer			
Benton School District		411.44	
		<hr/>	2,177.76

## FIXED CHARGES

**19. Retirement**

Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 34		
Superintendent's Retirement		6.42

**20. Insurance**

Merrill's Insurance Agency,		
Treasurer's Bond		5.00
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Total	\$	4,056.64

## BIRTHS — 1955 AND 1956

Date of Birth and Name of Child (if any)	Living or Stillborn		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
	Sex	No. of Child					
1955 — April 23 Herbert Otis Chadbourne	M	L 1	Herbert Otis Chadbourne	Shirley Irene Harwood	Easton, N. H.	Maine	New Hampshire
1956 — January 22 Peter Edward Kenney	M	L 4	John William Kenney	Margaret Mary Taylor	Easton, N. H.	Reading, Mass.	Kansas
1956 — July 8 Linda Elaine Chadbourne	F	L 2	Herbert Otis Chadbourne	Shirley Irene Harwood	Easton, N. H. and Bridgeton, Me.	Maine	New Hampshire

## DEATHS — 1956

Date and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Married, Single or Widowed	Occupation	Name of Father	Name of Mother
May 9      Easton	Eugene William Weller	39	Littleton, N. H.	M	S	Highway Patrolman	Frank G. Weller	Katie M. Snow





